

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

Case No. 5:20-CR-00434-M

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	<b>PRELIMINARY ORDER</b>
	:	<b>OF FORFEITURE</b>
CHRISTIAN ANTHONY EKBERG,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

WHEREAS, the above-named defendant has pleaded guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement to a Criminal Information, charging the defendant with offenses in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347;

AND WHEREAS, the government has filed a motion for entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, showing unto the Court: that the defendant personally obtained at least \$173,870.12 in proceeds from the offense, and that he made the proceeds unavailable as a result of his acts or omissions and one or more of the conditions to forfeit substitute assets exists, as set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p);

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the defendant's guilty plea, the stipulations contained in the Memorandum of Plea Agreement, the points and authorities in the government's motion, and all of the evidence of record in this case, the Court FINDS as fact and CONCLUDES as a matter of law that there is a nexus between the

property listed herein and the offense to which the defendant has pleaded guilty, and that the defendant has or had an interest in the property to be forfeited,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The following property is forfeited to the United States pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(2) and 18 U.S.C. 982(a)(7) and/or 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C):

Forfeiture Money Judgment:

a) A sum of money in the amount of \$173,870.12, representing the gross proceeds personally obtained by the defendant as a result of said offense for which he has been convicted; and an amount for which the defendant shall be solely liable and in satisfaction of which the United States may forfeit substitute assets pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p)

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3), the U.S. Attorney General or a designee is authorized to conduct any discovery pursuant to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure needed to identify, locate, or dispose of the above-referenced property, or other substitute assets, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and for admission, and the issuance of subpoenas.

3. This Order constitutes a personal forfeiture money judgment against the defendant; therefore, the United States is not required to send or publish notice of the same, as there is no specific property to be forfeited. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)(A). However, this Order may be recorded in the records of the Clerk of Court in any county in which the defendant resides or has either real or personal

property as a lien thereon. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States may move to amend this Order at any time for forfeiture of other property in which the defendant has an interest, whether directly forfeitable or substitute assets, to satisfy this forfeiture money judgment in whole or in part; provided that the net proceeds of any forfeited assets shall be credited toward satisfaction of the judgment upon liquidation.

4. Upon sentencing and issuance of the Judgment and Commitment Order, the Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to incorporate a reference to this Order of Forfeiture in the applicable section of the Judgment, as required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(B).

5. In accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A), this Order shall become final as to the defendant at sentencing.

6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

SO ORDERED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



RICHARD M. MYERS II  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE